

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Department - Irregularities in award of price adjustment on material/pipes procured etc., in Rural Water Supply (Projects) at Poduru and other habitations in West Godavari District – Disciplinary proceedings against Sri G.Raja Rao, the then Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Eluru, West Godavari District, under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Article of Charges – Orders - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT(VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 67

Dated.22.01.2015

Read the following:

- 1.From the GA (V&E) Appraisal Report No.70(498/V&E/E2/10), Dt.01.04.2014.
- 2.From the GA (V&E) Appraisal Report No.17(225/V&E/E2/11), Dt.26.07.2014.

ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri G.Raja Rao, the then Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Eluru, West Godavari District, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (classification, control and appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charges (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure II and III).

3. Sri G.Raja Rao, the then Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Eluru, West Godavari District, is directed to submit a Written statement of his defence within 10 days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri G.Raja Rao, the then Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Eluru, West Godavari District, is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri G.Raja Rao, the then Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Eluru, West Godavari District, is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (classification, control and appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex parte.

6. Attention of Sri G.Raja Rao, the then Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Eluru, West Godavari District, is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services(Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matter pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri G.Raja Rao, the then Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Eluru, West Godavari District, is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services(Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of the order be acknowledgment.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri G.Raja Rao, the then Superintending Engineer, Rural Water
Supply & Sanitation Circle, Eluru, West Godavari District,
through Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply &
Sanitation Department, Hyderabad.

The Engineer in Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation,
Hyderabad.(with a request to serve the charges to the
individual and furnish a served copy to Government,)

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ANNEXURE - I
STATEMENT SHOWING THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST
SRI G.RAJA RAO, THE THEN SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, RURAL
WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION CIRCLE, ELURU(FROM 31.07.2007 TO
20.12.2007).

CHARGE1:

That G.Raja Rao, the then Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Eluru has failed to discharge his legitimate duties and failed to follow the prescribed procedure laid down for calculation of price escalation for the raw materials used in HDPE pipes and BWSC pipes with reference to agreement conditions and also relevant Circulars/ Government Orders due to which an amount of Rs.58,00,262/- loss to the Government Exchequer.

BASIS:

As per the General Administration(V&E) Department Appraisal Report No.70(498/V&E/E2/2010)-(ELURU), dt.1.4.2014, G.Raja Rao, the then Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Circle, Eluru has failed to follow the prescribed procedure laid down for calculation of price escalation for the raw materials used in HDPE pipes and BWSC pipes, considering the material rate one month prior to QC inspection date instead of one month prior to QC offered date communicated by the Executive Agency is in blatant violation of the specified Agreement clause (4.6). Further the Vigilance & Enforcement authorities informed that during their enquiry the said DEE has submitted QC offer letter of Executive Agency dt.8.9.2007 for 400mm dia BWSC Pipes wherein the QC offered quantity was 1560.00 RMT and in the connected QC Inspection certificatedt.18.9.2007 the exhibited quantity was mentioned as 1924.00Rmt and cleared quantity was 972.40Rmt. The QC offer letter of Executive Agency dt.8.9.2007 submitted by the DEE to the V&E authorities for quantity of 972.400 Rmt towards QC Inspection Certificate dt.5.10.2007 wherein the cleared quantity was mentioned as 1803.60 Rmt is observed to be not correct and relevant, as it was prior to the QC offer letter dt.8.9.2007 already submitted by the agency for QC Inspection and the same was inspected vide QC Inspection Dt.18.9.2007. due to which an amount of Rs. 52,73,056/- loss to the Government Exchequer. From this it is evident that he has shown Gross Negligence towards his Legitimate Duties and violated Rule (3) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (classification, control and appeal) Rules, 1964.

Hence the charge.

CHARGE2:-

That G.Raja Rao, the then Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Eluru has failed to take timely action on the Executive agency's letter. Thus he failed to discharge his legitimate Duties.

BASIS:-

As per Appraisal Report of General Administration(V&E) Department Appraisal Report No.70(498/V&E/E2/2010)-(ELURU), dt.1.4.2014, the Vigilance & Enforcement authorities informed that Sri.G.Raja Rao the then Superintending Engineer had necessary action been initiated for checking of 160mm HDPE pipes in the month of July 2007 as per the offer letter dt.8.7.2007 for 7610 Rmt, an amount of Rs.18.27/RM might have been saved i.e., the difference between the price escalation verified by Assistant Executive Engineer is Rs.87.74/RM (for the month of Aug.2007) and the price variation of Rs.69.47/RM(for the month of June.2007) worked out by Vigilance & Enforcement. It is only due to the information given by the Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Sub Division, Narasapur

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that the required material was reported as not available with the manufacturer, which is sceptical in the absence of the connected correspondence. But Sri.G.Raja Rao the then Superintending Engineer has failed to take timely action in this regard due to which an excess amount was paid to the executive agency .From this it is evident that he has shown Gross Negligence towards his Legitimate Duties and violated Rule (3) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (classification, control and appeal) Rules, 1964.

Hence the charge.

Dr.K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE - II

**LIST OF THE DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE CHARGES FRAMED
AGAINST SRI G.RAJA RAO, THE THEN SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION CIRCLE, ELURU(FROM
31.07.2007 TO 20.12.2007).**

Govt Memo.No.7905/Vig.I/2014-3, dt.19.07.2014 of PR&RD (Vig.I) Dept along
with Appraisal Report No.70(498/V&E/E2/2010)-(ELURU), dt.1.4.2014 of
General Administration(V&E) Department.

Dr.K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE - III

**LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES ARE
FRAMED AGAINST SRI G.RAJA RAO, THE THEN SUPERINTENDING
ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION CIRCLE,
ELURU(FROM 31.07.2007 TO 20.12.2007).**

- NIL -

Dr.K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY
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